

**DECLARATION AND POWER  
OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**  
(37 CFR 1.63)

☒ Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing      ☐ Declaration Submitted After Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(a)) required)

Attorney Docket No.: BLP 128.1

First Named Inventor: Paul R. Stonikas

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Application Number:

Filing Date:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner Name:

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Compressible Hearing Aid**, the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto; or

☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Numbers	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
				YES	NO
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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

I hereby claim the benefit of any United States application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.
60/215,001	June 29, 2000	


The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney(s) or agent(s) named herein to accept and follow instructions from the assignee, if any, of the undersigned or from None as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney(s) or agent(s) and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney(s) or agent(s) named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(For new Non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent application of inventor(s): **Paul R. Stonikas, Steven C. Hannibal, Gregory Prutnikov, Roman Klyachman, Manolo J. Blancaflor** and entitled: **Compressible Hearing Aid**. For purposes of publication, this patent application is assigned to:.

**Application Elements:**

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
2. ☒ Specification containing 32 pages.
3. ☒ Drawings: 38 Sheets of ☐ formal drawings ☒ informal drawings
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ An executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney,
  - b. ☒ An unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
  - c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 17 completed.
    - i. ☐ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76.)
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix).
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary).
  - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies.

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
15. ☐ Request and Certification For Nonpublication Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
16. ☒ Other This application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/215,001, filed June 29, 2000.
17. ☐ **If Continuing Application**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:  
☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL Applications only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4c, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**Fee Calculation** The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

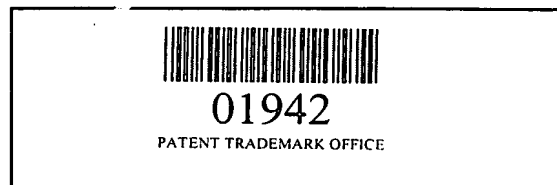
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For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$355.00		\$710.00
Total Claims	103	- 20 =	83	x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$1494.00
Indep. Claims	9	- 3 =	6	x \$40.00	\$	x \$80.00	\$480.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$135.00	\$	+ \$270.00	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$2684.00

18. ☒ A check in the amount of \$2684.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
19. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 04-1644 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

20. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of the following amounts associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1644:
- ☒ Additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
  - ☒ Additional processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or deficiencies in remittances therefor.
  - ☒ **ONLY if applicant has partially paid** the patent issue fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, then the **deficiency** shall be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1644, and the Commissioner is authorized to so charge the Deposit Account.

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I hereby certify that this Utility Patent Application Transmittal, enclosed application, and any other documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited in an envelope with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and addressed to Box PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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